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Share! Calling local & regional artists!#Durham now seeking public art submissions for our West Ellerbee Creek Trail pedestrian tunnel. Feb. 2 deadline to submit qualifications.

Durham Seeks Public Art Submissions for West Ellerbee Creek Trail Pedestrian Tunnel

February 2 Deadline for Submissions

DURHAM, N.C. – Local and regional artists are now invited to apply for a new public art project to be displayed on the West Ellerbee Creek Trail Pedestrian Tunnel.

The City of Durham General Services Department, Office of Economic and Workforce Development, Durham Parks and Recreation, and Public Art Committee are inviting qualified artists and/or artist teams to submit their qualifications to design, fabricate, and install urban public art along the pedestrian tunnel as part of Phase II of the West Ellerbee Creek Trail project.

Application materials include: statement of interest, annotated samples of previous work relevant to project, project personnel resume(s), and references. The deadline for submissions is February 2, 2018. Full submission guidelines are available here. Artists interested in more information about this project may contact Stacey Poston at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21254 or Jessica Kemp at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21234.

For a list of upcoming art-related opportunities, residents can visit the City's <u>Durham Calls for Artists</u> page. Artists and other stakeholders who would like to be notified of current and future art-related opportunities and news can sign up for alerts through the <u>Cultural and Public Art mailing list</u>. For more information about the City's <u>Public Art Program</u>, visit the City's <u>public art</u>

<u>webpage</u> or contact Senior Economic Development Coordinator <u>Brian Smith</u> in City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development at (919) 560-4965, ext. 15205.

About the City of Durham General Services Department

The <u>General Services Department</u> creates, manages and maintains City properties to provide best value to the Durham community. The core business functions include:

Administration/Business Services, Facilities Operations, Landscape Services, Urban Forestry, Real Estate, Project Management, Cemeteries, and Keep Durham Beautiful. As guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u>, General Services serves as a steward of the City's physical and environmental assets. Through annual and long-range facility planning activities, the department plans, provides, and maintains the City's facilities infrastructure, which supports the community's quality of life and serves as a foundation of a healthy economy.

About the City of Durham Office of Economic and Workforce Development

Guided by the City's <u>Strategic Plan</u>, the <u>Office of Economic and Workforce Development</u> helps ensure that Durham has a strong and diverse economy by increasing the city's tax base through several revitalization initiatives, including new development efforts in the central city area. The department also plans and promotes cultural awareness and events, identifies and recruits target industries as well as assesses and trains Durham residents to fill new jobs.

About Durham Parks and Recreation

<u>Durham Parks and Recreation</u> provides opportunities for the community to 'Play More' by connecting the whole community to wellness, the outdoors, and lifelong learning. To learn more follow on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, or call (919) 560-4355.

About the City of Durham Public Art Committee

The <u>Public Art Committee</u> serves as an advisory body to the Durham City Council and the City Manager, and its functions include assisting the City's Office of Economic and Workforce Development on matters relating to public art; implementation of the Public Art Policy; and reviewing proposals for public art projects brought to it by the City administration; and making recommendations to the <u>Cultural Advisory Board regarding project approvals</u>.